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## Governor Evers Signs Six Senator Petrowski Bills into Law

Madison...Governor Tony Evers signed five bills authored by State Senator Jerry Petrowski (R-Marathon) into law today. The bills make changes to state law to assist farmers, save money for local governments, clarify regulatory authority between counties and townships, and reduce the amount of phosphorus going into lakes and rivers.

- AB 736 provides clarity to the current arrangement between a town and a county to shoreland zoning agreements and ordinances in their shared jurisdictions.
- AB 818 will save money for municipal sewage treatment plants by allowing equivalent loads of
  wastewater to be returned to the plants when operating as part of a sludge recycling process.
- SB 252 creates a flood risk reduction pilot program to fund projects aimed at reducing the impact
  of major rain events by reestablishing natural flood plains to slow water flow and reduce damage
  to infrastructure.
- SB 91 will create a phosphorus credit trading program under which local governments and industry can comply with their permit requirements by paying farmers to reduce the amount of phosphorus going into lakes and rivers.
- SB 532 provides farmers greater latitude in transporting agricultural goods and crops to and from the farm by federalizing state regulations for commercial driver license exemptions.
- SB 268 which extends the timeframe for a Tax Incremental District in the Village of Kronenwetter.

Senator Petrowski lauded the bills as proof that despite the reports of partisan bickering in Madison, both sides can and should come together on common sense reforms to our state government. "In divided government," said Senator Petrowski, "people can focus on the areas we disagree or they can work towards solutions in those areas where we can find agreement. I'm proud of the work we have done this session to bring about results for the taxpayers of Wisconsin."

Senator Petrowski added that he has been in consultation with the governor on several other bills he is hoping they can work together on in the final weeks of this legislative session.

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